



University of Tromsø: The Norwegian Historical Data Centre

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This class is designed to teach family history researchers how to find people in the Norwegian Historical Data Centre (NHDC) University of Tromsø, also known as The Arctic University of Norway.

Objectives:

Patrons will be able to find people in Census Records, Church Records as well as in the "Matrikkel" 1838 (Register of farms 1838) in Norway.

Background:

The Norwegian Historical Data Centre (NHDC) is a national institution under the Faculty of Social Science at the University of Tromsø.

General Information:

The purpose of the Norwegian Historical Data Centre is to make easy access to historical sources, like censuses and parish registers, through their computerized processing. The initiative was taken by historians who wanted to study 18th and 19th century society with the aid of micro historical methods. Based on the model of Swedish *Demographic Data Base* at the University of Umeå, the NHDC has a mandate to prepare machine-readable editions of manuscript censuses and parish registers for use by university researchers and private genealogists. Experience has shown that electronic processing of historical data would enable historians to make a more thorough and precise study of society, than is possible by manual methods.

The Norwegian Historical Data Centre was established in 1981 and is today a permanent body under The Department of History and Religious Studies at the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and Education at The Arctic University of Norway.

NHDC issues typeset versions of the originals of the 1865, 1875, 1900 and 1910 censuses as well as the parish registers. These are supplied with alphabetical indexes. The aim is a national registry of the population of the 18th and 19th centuries, primarily for research purposes, but also for the benefit of schools, genealogists, local historians, etc. Access to the sources is eased by the use of NHDC's typeset material. The alphabetical indexes are of great aid to both the professional and amateur researcher, for a person can be traced through them in a matter of seconds. Also, wear and tear on the original sources minimized. As can be expected, the labor involved in registering all these sources is extensive and time-consuming. Thus far we have only converted the sources of a few parts of the country to binary form.

Their website: <https://www.rhd.uit.no/indexeng.html>

Getting started (Censuses):

Go to the website <https://www.rhd.uit.no/indexeng.html> and click on "EASY SEARCH IN THE CENSUSES". Here you may choose a census of your choice 1865, 1875, 1900, 1910.

- Click on a census 1865, 1875, 1900, 1910
- Next click on a county
- Click on the box in front of (Limit your search to one or more parishes)
- Click on the "Search" box
- Next choose a parish and click on the box in front of it
- Enter the name of a farm or a name in the "First Name" or "Last name" box
- Click on the "search box"
- You should now see several names. Click on the blue icon (looks like a house) in front of the name of your choice.
- You should now see your family of choice

Getting started (Church Records):

Go to the website <https://www.rhd.uit.no/indexeng.html> and click on "SEARCH IN PARISH REGISTERS".


Here you may choose Funeral, Baptism, Marriage, Confirmation or Migration.

As you click on the choices notice that the number of parishes under each topic vary. If you choose "funeral" you will see several parishes you may search, however they may not be identical for the parishes under the heading Baptism or Marriage. It is not a complete list, but you may search the parishes under each heading.

Let us try a marriage search:

- Choose *Ringebu* from the list of parishes and notice it include the years 1696-1865
- Enter years 1850-1851
- Enter Name "Anna" in Given name field
- Click on "Search"

See hits below

Number of entries found in the database: 3. Click on  to display information about the record in the parish register.

Parish register nr. and name	Year	Bridegrooms		Bridegrooms domicile	Brides		Brides domicile
		first name	last name		first name	last name	
 Asker	1850	Johan C.??	Løgeberg	Sandvigen	Anna Elisabeth	Holstad	Sandvigen
 8 for Målselv sogneprestembete	1851	Simen Chr.	Simensen	Krogen	Anna	Olsdatter	
 Folda/853.A08	1851	Elias	Sivertsen	Fjære	Anna Johanne	Hartvigsdatter	Fjære



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Municipal	ParishRegisterNr/Name	Year
Sørfold	Folda/853.A08	1851
Church/place	Trolovelsedato	Weddingday
K.		11.05.1851

Bridegrooms	Last name	Employment	Age/Birth year
First name			
Elias	Sivertsen Fjære	Ungkl.	28
Domicile	Birthplace	Confirmation	To altar
	Fjære		

Brides	Last name	Employment	Age/Birth year
First name			
Anna Johanne	Hartvigsdatter Fjære	Pige	26
Domicile	Birthplace	Confirmation	To altar
	Os		

His father	Her father
Sivert Hansen	Hartvig Andersen Os
Groomsmen	
Hans Peter Fjære	Jens Larsen Fjære
Advertiser	Advertiser demanded of
17, 21 og 27 April	Brudgommen
Bridegroom vaccination	Bride vaccination
...	...

Getting Started - Marikkel 1838 (Register of farms 1838)

Go to the website <http://www.rhd.uit.no/indexeng.html> Norwegian only.

- Click on 
- Click on: SØK I MATRIKKEL 1886 ELLER I MATRIKKEL 1838

Søking i matrikkelen for 1838

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Fyll ut ett eller flere navnefelt:

Fornavn:

Etternavn:

Gårdsnavn:

Brukssnavn:

Kombiner gårdsnavn og bruksnavn i samme søk: ☒

2. Avgrens søkinga til fylker

- ☐ Østfold ☐ Vestfold ☐ Rogaland ☐ Sør-Trøndelag
☐ Akershus ☐ Telemark ☐ Hordaland ☐ Nord-Trøndelag
☐ Hedmark ☐ Aust-Agder ☐ Sogn og Fjordane ☐ Nordland
☐ Oppland ☐ Vest-Agder ☐ Møre og Romsdal ☐ Troms
☐ Buskerud

3. Avgrens søkinga til prestegjeld innenfor hvert valgte fylke: ☐

4. Trykk her for å søke i matrikkelen:

Here you may choose a county:

- Click on box of Møre og Romsdal
- Enter name Rasmussen in Last name field
- Click on "Søk"

You may also search by "name of farm" or "given name"

- See five hits below
- Click on farm "Kleivberg"



Fylke	Prestegjeld	Matr.nr	Løpenr	Gårdsnavn	Bruksnavn	Eiers navn	Skyld i ort og mark
Ulfsteen	020	166	166	Gardnæs	Gardnæs	Knud Rasmusen	2-0
Stranden	082	197	197	Kleivberg	Kleivberg	Carl Rasmusen	1-0
Stranden	097	231	231	Hellesheim	Hellesheim	Zerqve Rasmusen	3-2
Stranden	103	245	245	Fremrehuus	Fremrehuus	Rasmus Rasmusen	1-3
Stranden	108	257	257	Hellestad	Hellestad	Sølfest Rasmusen	3-2

Resultat fra søk i matrikkelen for 1838

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Informasjon om matrikkelgård:

- Fylke:
- Prestegjeld: **Stranden**
- Nytt matrikkelnummer: **082**
- Gammelt matrikkelnummer: **044**
- Navn på gård: **Kleivberg**

Antall bruk registrert på matrikkelgården: 1

Løpenr	Bruksnavn	Eiers navn	Skyld i Daler-Ort-Skilling
197	Kleivberg	Carl Rasmusen	1-0-20-

No. 197 Kleivberg, New number 082, Old number 044 owes on mortgage 1 Daler, 0 Ort, 20 Shilling.